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Implementing a Home for Good Plan for LA County

According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's 2009 Homeless Count, 48,053 people are homeless throughout Los Angeles County (County) on any given night. Nearly 12,000 individuals are chronically homeless throughout the region, comprising approximately 25% of the County's homeless population. Over 7,400 veterans are homeless on any given night, and 1,400 of these veterans are chronically homeless.

Chronically homeless individuals are those persons who have been homeless for a year or more and are faced with one or more disabilities, including serious health, mental health, and/or substance abuse problems. These individuals are our most vulnerable residents, at great risk of dying if nothing is done.

Permanent supportive housing has proven to be a successful model which

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combines supportive services with housing to help chronically homeless individuals stabilize and thrive.

The Business Leaders Task Force on Homelessness recently released “Home For Good, The Action Plan to End Chronic and Veteran Homelessness by 2016.” This is a joint initiative of United Way of Greater Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Task Force reports that currently, public systems invest \$875 million each year to manage homelessness in our region rather than end it. Three quarters of this amount is consumed by chronically homeless individuals, who comprise one quarter of the total homeless population. These high costs result from the frequent usage of emergency rooms, jails, and other crisis services. Most homeless individuals do not become housed or stabilized as a result of their encounters with these systems.

On December 7, 2010, the Board of Supervisors moved to have the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) review the “Home For Good” Action Plan and work with the Departments of Health Services, Mental Health, Public Health and Public Social Services to report back to the Board with recommendations to align our County housing and services resources with permanent supportive housing resources.

On March 30, 2011, the CEO filed a Board report addressing the “Home For Good” Action Plan (http://file.lacounty.gov/bc/q1_2011/cms1_158318.pdf#search=HOME_FOR_GOOD) which included ten recommendations for the Board’s consideration.

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THEREFORE, WE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Accept recommendations one through ten as written; and
2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to provide a written report back within 90 days on its progress implementing each recommendation.

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